

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

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**CRIMINAL DOCKET NO. 06-270**

**v.**

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**SECTION: "J"**

**MAURICE MATTHEWS**

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**FACTUAL BASIS**

The above-named defendant, **MAURICE MATTHEWS**, has agreed to plead guilty as charged to Count One of the Indictment now pending against him. Should this matter have proceeded to trial, the United States of America would have proven beyond a reasonable doubt, through the introduction of relevant, competent, and admissible testimonial, physical and demonstrative evidence, the following facts to support the allegation against the defendant, **MAURICE MATTHEWS ("MATTHEWS")**:

All the events listed herein occurred within the Eastern District of Louisiana.

On May 5, 2006, a confidential source ("CS") informed Drug Enforcement Administration ("DEA") Task Force Agent ("TFA") Josh Champagne that **MATTHEWS** was willing to sell approximately 4 ½ ounces of cocaine base ("crack") for \$2,800.00.

On May 10, 2006, the CS called **MATTHEWS** to inquire further about the transaction.

**MATTHEWS** agreed to meet with the CS at **MATTHEWS'** residence on Camden Street in Houma, Louisiana.

After meeting with agents, the CS arrived at **MATTHEWS'** residence, but **MATTHEWS** was not present. **MATTHEWS** subsequently arrived in his vehicle and was accompanied by an unknown black male. The CS approached **MATTHEWS** and handed **MATTHEWS** the \$2,800.00 of Official Advanced Funds ("OAF"). **MATTHEWS** walked inside of the residence. A short time later, **MATTHEWS** exited carrying a bag filled with crack in his right hand. **MATTHEWS** eventually handed the CS a large amount of crack. The CS then departed the area and met with TFA Champagne, Darryl Stewart, and Special Agent Larry Johnson. The CS gave the crack to Johnson.

On June 14, 2006, the crack cocaine was tested by the South Central Laboratory in Dallas, Texas, by Forensic Chemist Brigid King. The crack tested positive for the presence of cocaine base and had a net weight of 102.4 grams.

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MAURICE MATTHEWS  
Defendant

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